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STERLING CONTRACTOR SENTENCED FOR FILING FALSE TAX RETURN

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ALVIN PATTON, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division (“IRS-CID”); and ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”), today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge James B. Zagel today sentenced **GARY L. FULRATH**, 54, of Polo, Illinois, to 30 days in jail, to be followed by 6 months of home confinement with electronic monitoring, a \$3,000 fine, \$500 for costs of prosecution, and a \$100 special assessment for filing a materially false federal tax return.

Fulrath pled guilty on April 20, 2007. According to the plea agreement, Fulrath owns and operates a construction company, located in Sterling, Illinois, known as Fulrath Construction, Inc. Fulrath Construction builds custom homes. Fulrath admitted in the plea agreement that during 2005 he accepted cash payments for construction jobs performed by his company and did not declare this cash income on his federal income tax return. Specifically, Fulrath admitted that he failed to report \$71,901 of cash income in 2005. Fulrath also acknowledged in the plea agreement that he failed to report \$61,150 of cash income in 2004.

The case was investigated by the Rockford offices of the IRS-CID and the FBI, and was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney SCOTT A. VERSEMAN.

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